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1 the dust, but it also has another health effect and that is
2 it raises the temperature of what's essentially raw sewage
3 that comes into the valley through the New River. That's a
4 health hazard.

5 There's a Congressman that's talking about
6 building a park over the New River down there. I don't want
7 kids playing over heated sewage.

8 I think that we want to encourage more electrical
9 generation. I agree with the sentiment that it would be a
10 good thing if an electric power plant were built in the
11 Imperial Valley. But we have the technology to minimize the
12 air pollution effects. We have the technology, it's very
13 simple technology, to mitigate these effects, paving and
14 what have you.

15 So I call on the federal government to do the
16 right thing. You told the truth. There's a lot of truth in
17 this document. It's pretty honest. And I bring this
18 problem right back to your door, because these things were
19 not thought out when you initially granted those permits.
20 Sempra Energy and Intergen relied upon those permits to
21 proceed with what they were doing without any of this being
22 discussed with them.

23 So in conclusion, I call upon this agency and
24 President Bush to do the right thing for the people in this
25 valley. I ask you to take back with you the strongest

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1 recommendation from me that you not grant these permits
2 without requiring scrubbers, a reasonable transmission time
3 to air cooling, and complete and full mitigation for the
4 impacts on this valley.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you.

7 Marilouise Hurley.

8 MS. MARILOUISE HURLEY: I'm Marilouise Hurly,
9 H-U-R-L-E-Y. I'm a local citizen of Imperial County. Been
10 here over 50 years. Retired from homemaking, as a
11 homemaking teacher of 37 years. And I belong to a lot of
12 organizations that are involved in Imperial County,
13 including the California Women for Agriculture, and I was
14 the chairman of the Ag in the Classroom Program teaching all
15 of our young people about agriculture. That's our main way
16 of earning a living in Imperial County. And so we need good
17 air, beautiful air for growing our crops. And we grow the
18 winter crops, the winter vegetables and we do have crops
19 that grow all year round.

20 I'm also a pilot. Have been flying for 33 years.
21 Have 3500 hours flying time and fly in Imperial Valley and
22 Mexico a great deal of the time. And since these two power
23 plants have gone into production, I see the emissions coming
24 from the plants coming into Imperial County. Even in the
25 wintertime, when we don't have the strong winds from the

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1 south, even just light winds will blow that smoke into
2 Imperial County.

3 And then driving on Interstate 8 toward Yuma, it's
4 really bad around Holtville. Every day, every day, when we
5 have those little light winds from the south. Now we're in
6 the monsoon era and we are going to be having these strong
7 winds all summer long.

8 I was happy to see that they have shut down the
9 plant on the west side for now, until they probably get the
10 scrubbers. And that was really turning out a lot of bad
11 smoke into the valley.

12 I'm also concerned about the transmission lines.
13 Belonging to American Association of University Women when
14 San Diego gas and electric was involved in possibly putting
15 a nuclear plant over in the Blythe area and then running
16 power lines through here, we were very concerned about that
17 big power line coming through the valley. And they decided
18 to do the single pole, steel poles through the agricultural
19 area and then they wanted to run the power line right down
20 Interstate 8. We have a beautiful desert and it's so pretty
21 to drive Interstate 8 out of the valley, and we do not want
22 that power line right down Interstate 8.

23 I see now in this book that they only talk about
24 the transmission lines coming into the valley to the
25 Imperial Valley Substation. And then what happens to them?

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1 This is going to be huge, three huge big transmission lines
2 eventually. Where are they going to go after they reach the
3 Imperial Valley Substation? We hope those plans are not to
4 put those power lines right down Interstate 8.

5 I agree with Joe Maruca and the others about all
6 that they have said, and I'm sure that the members of my
7 organizations feel the same way, also: American Association
8 of University Women, California Women for Agriculture, and
9 the Imperial Valley Women Pilots, in which I am the
10 president of that organization.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you, Ms. Hurley.

13 Mr. David Weldon.

14 MR. DAVID WELDON: Well done.

15 Hello, my name is David Weldon. I am a teacher at
16 Southwest High School, W-E-L-D-O-N, and my comments to you
17 are very short and sweet.

18 I was raised in southern Colorado and I coached
19 football and wrestling for five years there. I have been
20 here in the valley for 16 years. I'm now out of football
21 and wrestling because my little boy loves baseball.

22 Is the mike not working?

23 MR. ANTHONY COMO: There's a switch.

24 MR. DAVID WELDON: Better? One, two.

25 Anyway, I came into the valley. One of the first

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1 things, I just want to let you guys know that, a lot of --
2 as far as public health, I just could not believe the number
3 of kids that have asthma. This is not a made-up issue. You
4 know, how people will be against an issue, but I was just --
5 I was really amazed. You know, I coached football and I was
6 never used to holding seven and eight of the little inhalers
7 and having kids running around when you make them do laps
8 and, actually, having to stop and take an inhaler break.
9 I'd really make sure that you look at that data before those
10 permits are officially given. With that said.-- and I
11 really hope that you look at that data.

12 And, number two, I'll cut it short, I don't
13 understand how, when the first people said to our government
14 in this process of granting permits and having power lines
15 going across, and they say: Well, we are going to be within
16 three miles of the border; and they are saying: Okay, it's
17 very simple, what you need to adhere to the U.S. pollution
18 standards, is how you can have a company, two -- well, two
19 companies, but how can people go three miles south and
20 spew -- and actually have running power plants that are not
21 up to U.S. standards? That is just crazy to me.

22 My boy has been in the hospital. We give him
23 preventive asthma breathing treatments every morning and
24 every night. He's a healthy little eleven-month-old boy. I
25 do not want more pollution. What I want is I want a

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1 permit -- now, we all know that we need power. What I want
2 is I want for when the permit is given, is I want it
3 enforceable that those plants will be operated at U.S.
4 standards.

5 Mitigation and offsets, I'm sure that a good
6 lawyer will probably say that better than me. I am just
7 saying that we have to make sure that those people are
8 operating. One of the key things is, I can keep my kid,
9 hopefully, and when he learns how to run, I can keep him out
10 of New River. I cannot stop the air pollution from coming
11 over. That's something I cannot stop.

12 I hope that you listen to -- a lot of the people
13 have different issues, but for the overall health and
14 safety. But I just cannot believe that our government would
15 allow people to just knowingly build three miles south of
16 our border and understanding and not hold them accountable
17 to our standards. That absolutely must be dealt with. And
18 that is for the quality of our life.

19 Thank you very much.
20 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you, Mr. Weldon.

21 Erica -- is it Harrold or Harold?

22 MS. ERICA HARROLD: It's Harrold. And I am not
23 going to make a statement at this time.

24 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Okay. Thank you.

25 Vivian Perez?

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1 MS. VIVIAN PEREZ: Good morning. My name is
2 Vivian Perez, P-E-R-E-Z. I coordinate the Clean Air
3 Initiative in Imperial Valley and Mexicali.
4 The Initiative has representatives from health,
5 governmental and environmental organizations from both sides
6 of the borders, as well as individuals that are interested
7 in the project. Our mission is to improve the air and
8 health in Imperial and Mexicali regions through education
9 and adequacy support.

10 I have already submitted a letter to the
11 Department of Energy and I've, in detail, asked the
12 Department of Energy to revisit the EIS.

13 The main reason I am here is to express the
14 concerns of the Clean Air Initiative members. Our main
15 concern is the impact that the air pollution -- excuse me --
16 the air pollution is caused by the power plant, the power
17 plants in Mexicali.

18 The adverse effect it has on the health here in
19 both regions, actually. Just last year alone there were
20 almost 4,000 ER visits from children with asthma. This is
21 not including the adults or other pulmonary diseases nor
22 does it include the alarming increase in pulmonary diseases
23 in Mexicali.

24 My statement here is very brief. In closing, I
25 would like to quote the American Lung Association: When you

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1 can't breath, nothing else matters.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you, Ms. Perez.

4 At least, at the moment, we have sort of run out
5 of people that have asked to speak. Nobody else wants to
6 come up at the moment -- I take that back.

7 MR. LARRY DAWSON: Hi, Larry Dawson. I'm a
8 Calexico attorney. I have lived here for 20 years. I spoke
9 at the last meetings that we had here months back.

10 I would like to congratulate you for coming back.
11 One of my comments at the last meeting was it was sort of
12 coincidental here we have governmental meetings, federal
13 government, and they tend to occur in the wintertime and
14 never in the summertime. So I would like, at least, to
15 congratulate you in braving the summer heat. Coming down
16 here and seeing how it is five to six months out of the
17 year.

18 At the last meeting, I also indicated that it was
19 going to take a lot of courage on the part of the federal
20 government type, such as yourselves, to take a position
21 against these power plants. It appeared to me then, it
22 appears to me now that the fix has been placed very much
23 against the citizenry of Imperial County on this issue, and
24 it's very unfortunate.

25 I, too, have a son. Fortunately, my son now, who

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1 had asthma, he is now 18-years-old, but I can remember when
2 I was trying -- my wife and I struggled with him in the
3 evening times, primarily, year after year with coughing
4 fits, doing everything we can just to make sure he got
5 through the night. It was a very bad situation for us, and
6 I'm sure a number of families in the valley are facing the
7 same situation now. I would hate to have to be raising
8 young children now with the type of pollution that's coming
9 from those power plants.

10 The book that you sent us, the people that
11 participated earlier, shows a number of pictures of this
12 valley and pictures of the power towers. And I would -- I
13 am sure if you look at those pictures now and compare them
14 with what the pictures of the towers would be currently,
15 because those pictures show fairly pristine shots of
16 those -- of the power towers. And now when those plants are
17 going, I dare say you can barely see the mountains in the
18 background, the San Diego, the Lagunas, if you are looking
19 at the power towers from the angle that those pictures were
20 taken.

21 I would challenge you, when those power plants are
22 running, to drive 98, the highway that runs close to the
23 border, and look in either direction, you know, surrounding
24 directions, just to visually inspect what the smog looks
25 like, because you can really notice it. It's not something

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1 that's imagined.

2 My sister-in-law used to live up in the Riverside
3 area. Used to, not to defame another area, she used to call
4 San Bernardino, Scum Bernardino just because of the air
5 quality that was in that general area.

6 Now, although it's hot here in the summertime, at
7 least, to a large extent we could see blue sky in the
8 summertime. And now that's very much endangered and it's
9 very depressing.

10 This is not a situation where, at least, I'm
11 saying, not in my back yard. Okay. I think from all the
12 comments here, we're just so frustrated by the fact that we
13 could understand if this was USA compliant, but it's not.
14 And please try everything you can to make the plants USA
15 compliant.

16 I agree with everything that the other speakers
17 just said virtually. The one thing I would say, though, in
18 addition, that any type of restrictions placed on the power
19 plant should have a continuing enforcement mechanism. It
20 should be continuing. Just because they agree to do it now,
21 what guarantees do we have that a year from now they are not
22 going to be compliant. It's another country with a whole
23 other system of laws.

24 One of the things the report mentions, and I just
25 think it's ludicrous, is that you are not looking at this

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1 project as one project. You are sort of taking one piece
2 out of it at a time and saying: Well, this is compliant and
3 this is compliant. The gas pipeline is compliant, the power
4 lines are compliant environmentally, and that's ridiculous.
5 It's one project. And the assumptions that are being made
6 that it's not, that it should be -- that each thing should
7 be looked at individually, is incorrect. And the
8 assumptions that that's based on are totally fallacious, as
9 Mr. Maruca pointed out.

10 That plant wouldn't exist but for the gas pipeline
11 and the power lines coming across the border now. It's all
12 one integrated project. And that's how it should be looked
13 at.

14 And the last speaker mentioned just how ridiculous
15 it is with respect to how could our government allow this
16 thing to happen when it's three miles south of the border.
17 It's all one air shed. And if our government doesn't look
18 out for us, who is? The Mexican government isn't going to.
19 We need to show the Mexican government, we need to set the
20 example here, because they are not.

21 Calexico is adjacent to Mexicali. We are all
22 adjacent to Mexicali. Mexicali dwarfs us in size, dwarfs us
23 in population. Travel to Mexicali, if you have a chance
24 this evening after your Calexico meeting, to see the sheer
25 size of Mexicali. It's a major urban area compared to

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1 everything else here. We are just small town. But you need
2 to see it. You need to see the environment around Mexicali
3 and how far it stretches.

4 Thank you very much.

5 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Just for the record, could you
6 spell your last name.

7 MR. LARRY DAWSON: D-A-W-S-O-N.

8 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you.

9 If there is no objection, we'll take just maybe a
10 ten-minute break. There's some coffee and pastries. It
11 will give us a chance to meet some of you. Or you can
12 gather your thoughts, you want to say something later, we
13 will go back on record. So we'll close the record
14 temporarily for about ten minutes. Thank you.

15 Oh, and I'm also told that we have extra copies of
16 the EIS in case someone would like a copy. Thanks.

17 (Whereupon a recess was taken from 12:11 p.m. to
18 12:41 p.m.)

19 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Ladies and gentlemen, take your
20 seats. We have a couple other people who would like to make
21 some comments. So we'll get started in a couple of minutes.

22 Okay. We'll open the record again. The next one
23 to speak will be Erica Harrold.

24 MS. ERICA HARROLD: Can you hear me?

25 My name is Erica Harrold, H-A-R-R-O-L-D, and I am

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1 a representative for Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia, the 80th
2 Assembly District, which encompasses the entire Imperial
3 Valley. I have a statement to read.

4 The residents of the Imperial Valley and Mexicali
5 are separated by nothing more than a political line in the
6 sand and sometimes a metal fence, yet they share much more,
7 including a common history, culture and environment. It is
8 the environment, however, that often draws the most
9 attention, with water, air, and energy issues being
10 discussed in many different circles and at all levels of
11 government. It is this combination that brings us here
12 today.

13 The Department of Energy hearings being held in
14 El Centro and Calexico are the result of a legal action. A
15 federal court determined the government overstepped its
16 bounds in allowing the construction of transmission lines
17 through Imperial County without following the proper
18 procedures. These transmission lines provide the state with
19 power from the American-owned plants in Baja, California.

20 Absent from the process of permitting the
21 construction of these lines was the voice of the local
22 community. Now that we have been provided the opportunity,
23 I encourage the residents, representatives of local
24 governments and private industry in Imperial County to voice
25 their opinions about this issue.

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1 As a member of the Assembly Select Committee on
2 Air and Water Quality, I hold a special interest in ensuring
3 the voice of residents in this county, where the
4 hospitalization rate, not just the diagnosis, but the
5 hospitalization rate for children with asthma is more than
6 twice the state average, is heard.

7 With its tremendous economic and population
8 growth, California has flirted with an energy crisis for
9 several years. Despite efforts to develop green and
10 renewable energy sources within the state, we continue to
11 have a demand that exceeds supply, forcing us to purchase
12 power outside the borders. While this is not the desired
13 solution to our sustainability, it is necessary to keep
14 California functioning in the coming years.

15 However, merely recognizing the situation in which
16 we find ourselves does not permit us to compromise the
17 health of our residents and neighbors. Private industry is
18 constantly asked to be a responsible citizen, and government
19 must do the same as a steward of the people's trust.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you.

22 Do you actually have a copy of your written
23 statement?

24 MS. ERICA HARROLD: I do. I'll make a copy for
25 you.

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1 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Okay. Thank you.
 2 Carlos Acuna.
 3 MR. CARLOS ACUNA: Thank you. Carlos Acuna,
 4 C-A-R-L-O-S, A C U N A, tilde over the end.
 5 I ordinarily -- I did not come here with the
 6 intention of speaking. I came here originally with the
 7 intention of merely hearing what our other representatives
 8 had to say. But as I understand, these are under court
 9 mandate, these hearings.
 10 I think we can get a little more anecdote than is
 11 being brought to you. First of all, there's Vulcan logic
 12 that says: The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the
 13 few. We live in the United States of America. This is a
 14 constitutional democracy. Here majority rules, but we
 15 always have to respect minority rights. And due to that
 16 fact, I urge you to, please, not allow this to turn into an
 17 atmospheric love canal. I think we are at the crisis point
 18 right now.
 19 At what point do anecdotes become statistics,
 20 become epidemics. So far I have heard some people say we
 21 have a 16 -- I have read this in places other than this,
 22 that we have a 16 percent childhood asthma rate. I think
 23 that's a disgrace. I don't know when CDC, Center for
 24 Disease Control, is going to come down here, but I think the
 25 court should be aware of the statistic.

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1 The other thing is, I have two children. They
 2 both have asthma, and I think the situation is aggravating
 3 for them. Some situations I've had to use nebulizers. My
 4 son had to drop one year from soccer, which is his favorite
 5 sport, because it happens to occur in the fall and because
 6 of this plant started going up and his pulmonary capacity
 7 completely changed. Now he's in football, he's doing much
 8 better, but we now have him on this Asthmacord and other
 9 control agents.
 10 My daughter, the same thing. It reached a point
 11 where I actually had to take her to the emergency room at
 12 one time. And she's a healthy child. You know, she's a
 13 super athlete, super scholar, 4.0, the whole thing.
 14 Potential Rhodes Scholar. But this has kept her out of
 15 action from several sports already. So, finally, the doctor
 16 said: She's 13, things will change, she'll improve.
 17 Again, I have friends -- and one of the ladies who
 18 was a pilot here told you anecdotally what's happened. When
 19 you are flying down you immediately notice we live in a
 20 bowl. This place happens, by geographical accident, to trap
 21 air, to trap the pollutants. After a while, if your are
 22 coming down by plane, many come down from the mountains of
 23 Baja and see nothing but a dust blot. Sometimes it looks
 24 like a doughnut-shaped thing, I have heard from friends,
 25 four miles wide. And what is its nucleus? What is the

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1 center? The Intergen/Sempre plants.
2 And Sempra, theoretically, is supposed to have
3 these scrubbers, and yet that seems to be the center of this
4 doughnut, this polluting doughnut.

5 Personally, I jog. I have to jog so I don't get
6 as fat as Dom DeLuise, as my friends would joke around. And
7 I have noticed these past eight to nine months, I come home
8 and I feel like I have TB. I started coughing. Never had
9 before. I have been jogging since 1975. When my metabolism
10 slowed down, that's the only way I knew to keep my weight
11 down. I haven't been that successful, but, at least, I
12 tried. So, you know.

13 I used to smoke. I used to smoke when I was in
14 high school and I was in college. I successfully quit. I
15 feel like I'm a smoker all over again. Born again.

16 So I, please, urge you let's, ah man, let's just
17 not sacrifice the few for the needs of the many. I know
18 corporations have a right to their profit. I'm for it.
19 I've got a retirement that is based a lot on all the profits
20 from a lot of people in whom I invest, and that's fine. But
21 not at the cost of public health.

22 Thank you very much.

23 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you.

24 Susan Massey.

25 MS. SUSAN MASSEY: My name is Susan Massey,

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1 S-U-S-A-N, M-A-S-S-E-Y.

2 I have been a resident of the Valley for 27 years.
3 I, like, Carlos came to listen and be informed, but I found
4 myself very moved sitting here, and particularly with the
5 war going on in Iraq and talk about installing democracy. I
6 found myself very moved here that I live in a country where
7 people come, we have our elected representatives from the
8 county and state come here and speak to the federal
9 government, as well as ordinary citizens, like myself, to
10 speak as teachers and as parents.

11 I have been impressed that all the testimony has
12 been against letting these, letting these power plants
13 operate under rules other than what they would expect to be
14 operating on if they were on the American side of the
15 border. And, I guess, what I feel that this is maybe a
16 microcosm of what's going on in the United States. Is
17 democracy really being effective in our own country?

18 If the people of our country, our elected
19 officials and citizens, feel so strongly about something in
20 the end is it going to come down that in spite of all our
21 concerns as citizens and as elected officials, that in the
22 end it's the power companies who win, who are so power, if
23 you will, they are going to win just because they are them
24 and the rest of us really don't count?

25 So I hope the Department of Energy looks at this,

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1 that they realize that democracy is really on the line here.

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2 Thank you for listening.

3 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you, Miss Massey.

4 MS. ELLEN RUSSELL: Ms. Massey, we don't have your
5 full address so you can receive a copy of the EIS. The same
6 is true for Ms. Petree.

7 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Susan Massey and Patricia
8 Petree, when you finish, if you could refill the card out
9 with your address so we can have it.

10 MS. PATRICIA PETREE: My name is Patricia Petree.
11 I am an elementary schoolteacher here in El Centro. I also
12 hadn't planned on talking. But after listening to all the
13 comments and I started writing down notes, if it's not very
14 polished, I'm sorry. But this is speaking from the heart.

15 First of all, I would like to say that I think the
16 United States government is an enabler. We are enabling
17 companies to contribute to the pollution of our air quality,
18 as well as the air quality in Mexico.

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19 Please don't look at the small turnout in this
20 room as an indication of the lack of people's concern on
21 this issue. We are a low socioeconomic community. Most of
22 our citizens are working at jobs that they cannot afford to
23 take the time off to attend. That's why it makes a
24 difference why this small turnout today.

25 But be aware that the citizens of Imperial County

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1 do care about our air quality and also that of Mexico, our
2 neighbors. The poor air quality doesn't stop at the
3 international border, but encompasses all of this valley
4 that we all call home, and it is our home.

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5 I am an elementary school teacher and I am also a
6 witness to the high increase of asthma and allergies in our
7 schools. The school offices have an entire wall of little
8 cubbies where they keep the little inhalers for all the
9 students under lock and key. And every year the little wall
10 is becoming a second wall.

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11 My older son is also an asthmatic since about the
12 age of 8. He's now 21. When we first took him to a
13 pulmonary specialist in San Diego in the middle '80s, at
14 that time we were told by the doctor there that he had many,
15 many patients here in the valley. I can imagine how many he
16 would have today.

17 When we were on an elevator on the way to the
18 doctor's office on the fourth floor, I have a vivid memory
19 of my 8-year-old son, skinny, because asthmatics don't gain
20 weight as well, hunched over trying to breathe. And I wish
21 I could show you the image. It was horrible. All the way
22 up in the elevator.

23 Thank God back then they were able to get a
24 nebulizer machine that helped save the quality of his life
25 and also other children in this valleys quality of life.

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1 Sadly today most families with asthmatics have to take them
2 home to keep them from having to go to hospitals.

3 America is so famous for helping other countries
4 constantly. That's what we are known as. Right now I'm
5 asking America to take time out to help us out in Imperial
6 County.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you.

9 We've still got another ten minutes or so in the
10 room. Would anybody else like to make any comments or
11 statements?

12 At least, just temporarily, again, because we
13 really have to be here to 1:00, we'll put the record on hold
14 and sort of mingle. And if anybody wants to say anything to
15 go back on the record before 1:00 or so, I don't think they
16 will kick us out exactly at 1:00, grab myself, Ellen or
17 Linda and we will be glad to reopen the record and record
18 what you have to say.

19 Thank you.

20 (Whereupon a recess was taken from 12:49 p.m. to
21 12:59 p.m.)

22 MR. ANTHONY COMO: The time now is 12:59.

23 Ladies and gentlemen, those of you who have remain
24 here, I would like to thank you for coming by this morning.

25 Just a reminder, we will be in Calexico this

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1 evening at the Calexico City Hall at 608 Heber Street at
2 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and you are all welcome to attend
3 that one, as well, and make your comments there if you
4 choose. If you could maybe mention it to some of your
5 friends, colleagues, neighbors, that you would like them to
6 show up down there, that will help the turnout, as well.

7 Thank you all for your comments, and we'll close
8 the record now. Thank you.

9 (Whereupon the hearing was concluded at 1:00 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF ARIZONA)
2 COUNTY OF PIMA)

3 I, SANDALEE MORING, Certified Court Reporter in
4 the County of Pima, State of Arizona, certify:

5 That the foregoing Public Scoping Meeting was
6 taken before me at the time and place therein set forth;

7 That the statements of the speakers were recorded
8 stenographically by me and were thereafter transcribed to
9 the best of my ability;

10 That the foregoing 50 pages comprise a full, true
11 and accurate transcription of my notes of said Public
12 Scoping Meeting;

13 That I am not of counsel nor attorney for or
14 related to either or any of the parties in this action, nor
15 interested in the outcome thereof.

16 DATED this 12th day of August, 2004.

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